

**DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION  
RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY**

**3 CAPITOL HILL  
CONFERENCE ROOM 401  
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2015  
8:00 A.M.**

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Stephen Puerini, DMD, Vice Chairman  
Donald Williams, Secretary  
Russell Chin, DDS  
Jeffrey Dodge, DMD  
Martin Elson, DDS  
Kerri Friel, RDH, COA, CDA, MA  
Louis Marciano, BS, M.Ed.  
Martin Nager, DMD  
Susan Perlini, RDH, BS  
Robert Ricci, Ph.D.  
Maryellen Simas, RDH

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Caroline Danish, DDS  
Eric George, DMD

**STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Amy Coleman, JD  
Linda Esposito, Board Manager

## **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

James Balukjian – DDRI  
Robert Bartro – RIDA  
Christy Durant – RIDA/RIOMS  
Marie Jones-Bridges – RIDHA  
Patrick Quinlan, JD – RIDA  
Virginia Cairerro – RIDAA, ADAA  
Rebecca Kislak – RI Health Center Assoc.  
Amal Seifelnasr – NYU Lutheran  
Diane Monti-Markowski - Blue Cross

### **1. Establishment of a quorum**

A meeting of the Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry was held on Wednesday, July 1, 2015 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called to order at 8:10 a.m. on a motion by Russell Chin, DDS, and seconded by Martin Nager, DMD. Motion carried.

### **2. Public Comment**

Virginia Cairerro of the RIDA, ADAA, offered her recommendations regarding updating of the Rules and Regulations with regard to Dental Assistants, specifically Section 10.3. She feels there should also be continuing education requirements annually for dental assistants regarding infection control training approved by the CDC, or that all dental assistants document proficiency in infection control protocols by passing the Dental Assisting National Board's Infection Control Examination. In addition, that CPR recertification should be an annual requirement as well.

### **3. Presentation of the June 3, 2015 Open Session Meeting Minutes**

Motion was made by Martin Nager, DMD, and seconded by Louis Marciano, BS, M.Ed., to accept the Open Session minutes for the Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry for Wednesday, June 3, 2015. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as presented. Motion carried.

### **4. Review of Issued Licenses List**

Board Members reviewed the list of licenses issued since the last Board Meeting. Motion was made by Stephen Puerini, DMD, and seconded by Martin Nager, DMD, to accept the list of licensees as presented. Motion carried.

## **5. Vice Chairperson's Report**

- **Communications**

Vice Chairman Puerini shared a letter from Carleton Cappuccino, DMD, dated June 25, 2015 tendering his resignation from the Board.

Concerns were raised about the use of the term "CDA" in the Rules and Regulations, as referring to "Certified Dental Assistants". It was conveyed that the term of "DANB™ Certificants" should replace "CDA" and/or "Certified Dental Assistants" wherever the terms appear in the Rules and Regulations.

- **Triage – Committee II Temporary Replacement**

Russell Chin, DDS, will temporarily replace Caroline Danish, DDS, for the Committee II Triage team while Dr. Danish is on leave.

- **Licensure Requirements Review Sub-Committee report**

Vice Chairman Puerini presented the approved minutes of the Licensure Requirements Review Sub-Committee meeting which was held on June 16, 2015.

With regard to number 7 of the minutes, after review and discussion, a motion was made by Donald Williams, and seconded by Jeffrey Dodge, DMD, to exclude the periodontal section of the ADEX exam as a required element for initial licensure. A motion was made by Robert Ricci, Ph.D., and seconded by Kerri Friel, RDH, COA, CDA, MA, to table the motion made by Donald Williams. Donald Williams opposed. A motion was made by Robert Ricci, Ph.D., and seconded by Martin Nager, DMD, to table discussion of the periodontal issue until the next Board meeting on August 5, 2015, in order to consider all information, including public comments provided from the Community Review of the Proposed Rules and Regulations. Motion carried.

Russell Chin, DDS, indicated he would research the periodontal issue with Ellis Hall, DDS, the Director of Examinations at CDCA/NERB.

With regard to number 8 of the minutes, after review and discussion, it was determined that staff would provide a copy of the Connecticut Dental Board Rules and Regulations for review and comparison at the next Board meeting on August 5, 2015.

- **August 5, 2015 Board Meeting**

Vice Chairman Puerini reported that the August 5, 2015 Board Meeting will go forward, as scheduled.

- **License Committee Meeting**

No License Committee Meeting was held for July 1, 2015 as there were no license application issues to be addressed.

## **6. Old Business**

- **Anesthesia Facility Permit research updates**

Martin Elson, DDS, provided verbal information to the Board regarding the Anesthesia Permit and Anesthesia Facility Permit inspection processes, and will provide a written summary of his research at the next Board meeting on August 5, 2015. Dr. Elson also indicated that he would make recommendations about the Nitrous Oxide permit inspection process at the next Board meeting as well.

- **Discussion of Proposed Rules and Regulations**

All members were provided with a copy of available information obtained from the Community Review of the Proposed Rules and Regulations which took place on June 5, 2015. Christy Durant of RIDA/RIOMS indicated she felt there were further comments that had not been available to include in the packet and that she would provide those to the Board for further review at the August 5, 2015 Board meeting.

### **Donald Williams left the meeting at 10:00 a.m.**

In light of statute changes being enacted on July 9, 2015 pertaining to Section 5-31.1-39 Public health hygienists, a motion was made by Kerri Friel, RDH, COA, CDA, MA, and seconded by Martin Nager, DMD, to form a subcommittee for the purpose of reviewing and revising the Rules and Regulations pertaining to Dental Hygienists, at a date to be determined. Motion carried.

### **Vice Chairman Puerini requested a 10 minute recess at 10:25 a.m.**

### **Open Session reconvened at 10:35 a.m.**

## **7. Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session**

- A motion was made by Martin Elson, DDS, and seconded by Robert Ricci Ph.D., to adjourn to Closed Session at 10:40 a.m. pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(4) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Motion carried.

#### **8. Motion to Return to Open Session**

- Motion was made by Maryellen Simas, RDH, and seconded by Martin Nager, DMD, at 11:25 a.m. to re-open the Open Session and to seal the Minutes of the Closed Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4, 42-46-5 and 42-46-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Board voted unanimously to approve. Motion carried.

#### **9. Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session**

- Two (2) cases were found to have No Unprofessional Conduct.
- One (1) case was found to have Unprofessional Conduct, 1 year Probation, and a Reprimand

#### **10. Adjournment**

- The next Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 5, 2015, 8:00AM at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made by Louis Marciano, BS, M.Ed. and seconded by Maryellen Simas, RDH, to adjourn at 11:35AM. Board voted unanimously to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Esposito  
Board Manager  
Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry